



CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
METROPOLITAN HEALTH DISTRICT

The Opioid Epidemic & Bexar County's Response

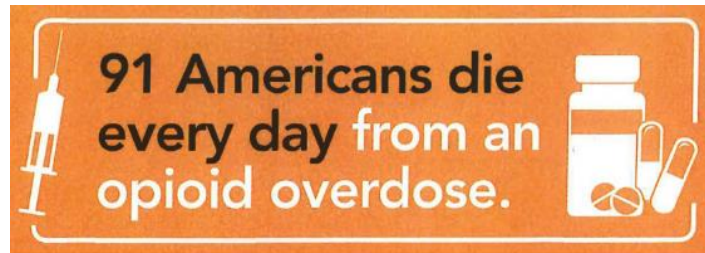
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The Opioid Epidemic

- Since 1999, the number of overdose deaths involving opioids quadrupled
- Opioids killed more Americans in 2016 than car crashes in 1972 or HIV in 1995
 - The peak years of each respective epidemic

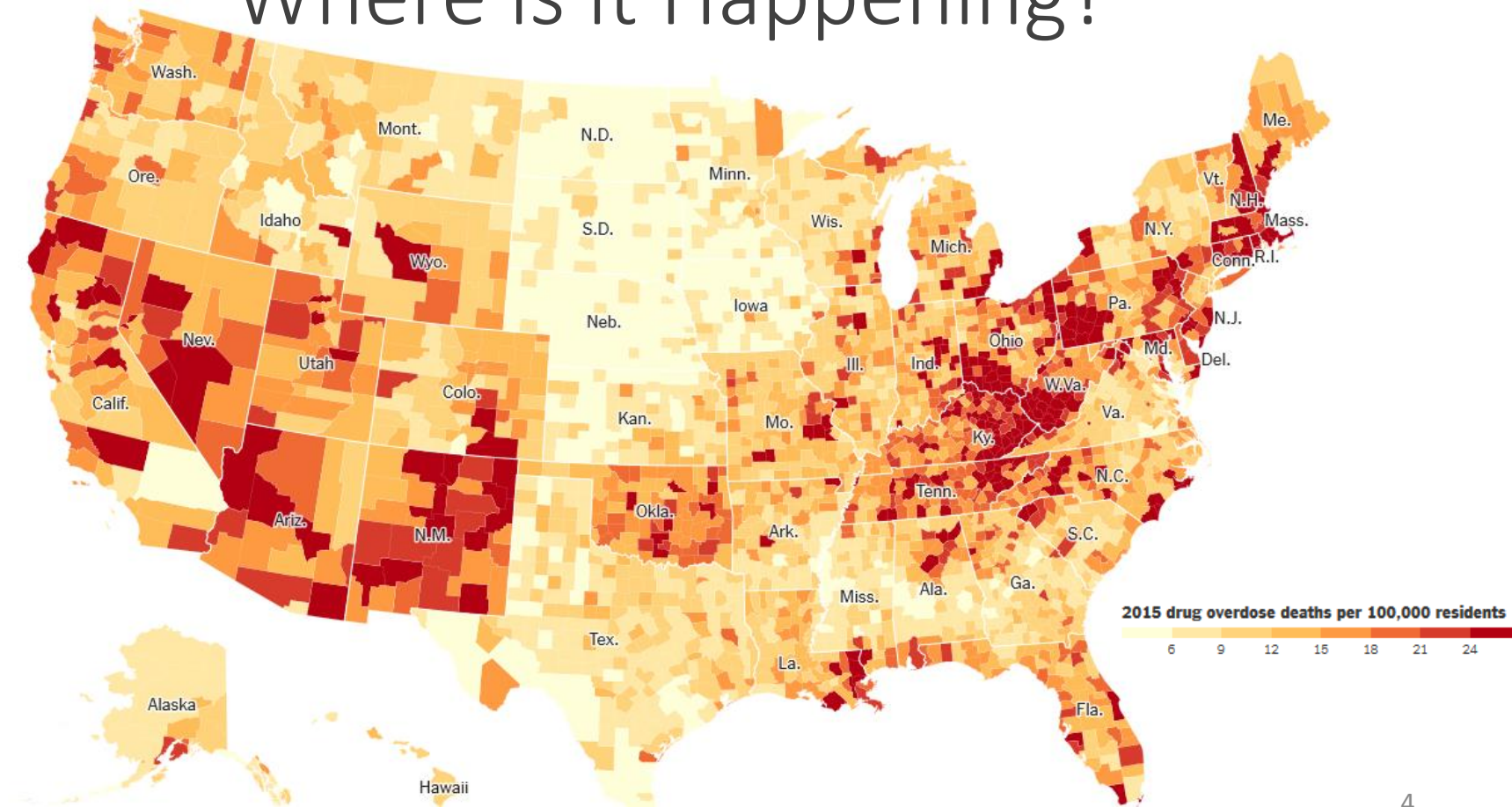


County & State Statistics

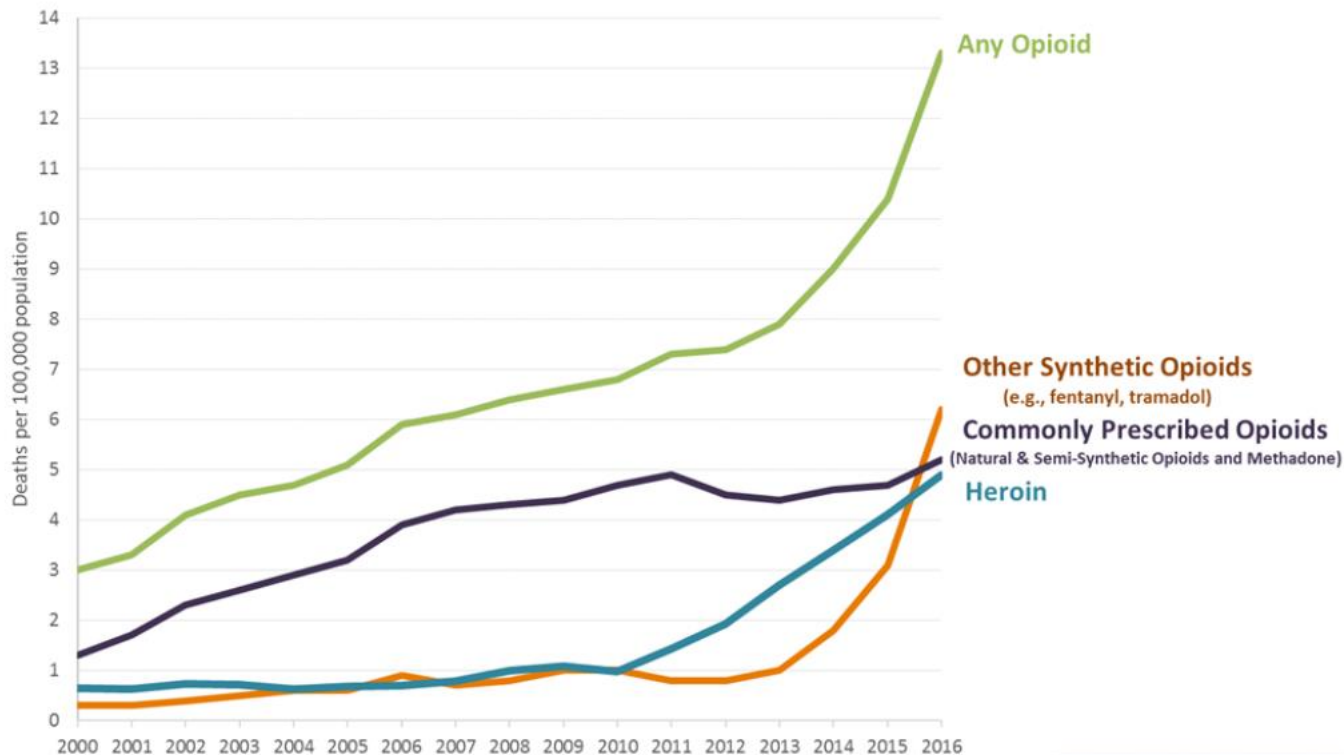
- Bexar County
 - ranks 3rd in per capita rates of death from opioid overdoses
 - ranks 1st in rates of neonatal absence syndrome
- Statewide, only about 45% of licensed physicians and 22% of licensed dentists are registered to use the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP)



Where is it Happening?



Opioid Overdose Deaths in the US, 2000-2016



SOURCE: CDC/NCHS, National Vital Statistics System, Mortality. CDC WONDER, Atlanta, GA: US Department of Health and Human Services, CDC; 2017.
<https://wonder.cdc.gov/>

Addressing the Epidemic Requires Synergy

- Reduce opioid prescriptions
- Encourage use of PDMP
- Expand naloxone use
- Community Education
- Provider Education
- Treatment

Preventing Opioid Overdoses and Related Harms



Joint Opioid Overdose Prevention Taskforce

- Convened by Judge Nelson Wolff and Mayor Ron Nirenberg in June 2017
- *Goal:* address the increase in opioid overdose deaths locally
- First meeting August 8, 2017
- 4 workgroups



Naloxone Workgroup

- Expanded access to naloxone
- Conducted trainings for law enforcement and community
- Monitoring naloxone use in the community
- Mapping EMS utilization by zip code



Provider Education Workgroup

- Opioid-related trainings curriculum map for medical students
- Launched “Get Waivered SA” website
- Conducted provider education about the required use of the TX PMP in 2019
- Discussions with HASA to link to the PMP



Community Education Workgroup

- Mapped permanent drug drop off locations
- Distribution of Deterra[®]
- Youth prevention toolkit and videos developed for use by ISDs and in community settings
- Treatment map for the community
- Community trainings



A detailed map of San Antonio, Texas, and its surrounding areas. The map highlights the locations of 15 Red Robin restaurants, each marked with a red pin featuring a white star. The restaurants are distributed across the city and its suburbs, including areas like Castle Hills, Alamo Heights, Terrell Hills, and the northern part of the city. Major highways such as I-35, I-410, and I-10 are clearly visible. Other landmarks like the Joint Base San Antonio and various parks are also labeled. The map uses a color-coded system to distinguish between different types of roads and geographical features.

Scale 1:202,041

Walgreens (Limited hours)

Walgreens (24/7)



0 1.25 2.5 5 Miles



Treatment Workgroup

- Identified and mapped existing treatment providers
- Selected federal framework to determine treatment options to map
- Worked with Community Education Workgroup to develop treatment map for the community



Complementary Initiatives



- **Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS)**
 - Identified treatment and recovery options for these mothers and their babies
 - Recovery residence for pregnant women and women with children
- **Syringe Services Programs (SSP)**
 - Supply clean needles and disposal of used needles
 - Participants more likely to enter into drug treatment



Local Resources

- Treatment resources and map
 - <http://sacada.org/recovery-coaching-and-support-services/>
- Drug Disposal Location map
 - <https://cosagis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=706d5d016c824c8fb5f3ac3af4b76a61>

Thank you!



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